

## 2005 MINUTES

### NOTES FROM MEETING JANUARY 6, 2005 OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gene Beth called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Present: Jim Geishirt, Helen Bauer, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Dean and Marian Burmester, Gene and Karen Beth, Lester Procknow, Sandy Stiemke

Minutes of the December 2, 2004 meeting, which had been emailed to members, were read by Sandy Stiemke. There were two corrections to the emailed minutes. Motion by Helen, second by Jim, to approve the minutes. Copies of the printout "When US Works Pass Into the Public Domain" from the <http://www.unc.edu/~unc/ing/public-d.htm> website were given to those present that wanted one.

Treasurer's report was presented by Mary Jayne with handout of current balance info. Balance in checking \$1955.00. Also in addition received \$500.00 check from Kraemer Bros. as a donation, making the current balance \$2455.00. There were 4 sponsors, 11 families and 8 individual members. Karen was reimbursed \$23.69 for cost of postcards packet on which the treasurer can print membership cards for mailing. Mary Jayne requested permission to buy stamps to send thank you notes to donors and to send out membership cards to the new members. Request approved with the motion by Dean to approve and seconded by Marian.

In old business of membership cards/postcards, Dean and Marian presented a sample of a US Post Office postcard with the membership card printed on it. It was decided after we use the package of 200 postcards purchased by Karen we will go with purchasing United States Post Office postcards as they have pre-stamped cards that cost \$0.25 per card versus the \$0.23 mailing cost plus \$0.11 purchase price per card of the regular postcards.

Gene reported that he spoke to Kim Tschudy. Mr. Tschudy will come to tour the old Franklin Town Hall on Sunday, January 9, at 10 a.m. Ed or Joe Prem will bring a key to open the hall. The trip to tour the old New Glarus Town Hall with Kim Tschudy is scheduled for Jan. 22 with departure time 8:30 a.m. from the Plain Kraemer Library. Karen will email everyone asking for a response as to whether they plan on going.

Gene reported that he has written an article for the *Home News* about the old Franklin Town Hall and the Old Franklin Township Historical Society's goal to preserve the hall and that he included on a CD a picture he took of the town hall during the open house. He dropped off the article the *Home News* office. Jim suggested in the future trying to locate early pictures of the town hall. Karen mentioned the one in Hildegarde's book, which is also at the Plain Kraemer Library.

In New Business, Karen typed up the list of "Goals for Old Franklin Town Hall for 2005" from Phyllis's notes and copies were handed out. It was decided to wait until we have met Kim Tschudy (New Glarus) on Sunday to pursue the items, as he would be able to advise us on areas in the hall needing attention.

On continuing the membership drive, we reviewed again the Krueger estimates on printing flyers, etc. Motion by Marian and seconded by Dean to continue to print membership forms and brochures on our home computer printers. Marian will send a thank you to Krueger Printing for their estimates as well as notifying them that at the present time we will not use their service. Many ideas on distribution points were discussed and it was decided each member will look for and stock/restock a few flyers/brochures in appropriate places. The Spring Green Library and mini mall, Reedsburg's 400 Trail & Chamber Office at the old railroad depot and library, Baraboo's Library and Sauk County Historical Society and Village Booksmith were suggested.

Gene reported he has conflict due to father's illness and is unable to video tape the Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Green Historical Society's presentation given by John McKenna on surveying and plat maps history in Spring Green area.

Gene also reminded everyone we are invited to the Annual Meeting of the Spring Green Area Arts Coalition on Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. upstairs at The Shed. Derrick Gee would appreciate a show of support from the history groups for the support and efforts of the 2004 Umbrella Group.

Gene reminded the group that the Sauk Co. Arts, Humanities and Historic Preservation Grants are due Feb. 11. It was noted the grant would not cover improvements on the building/structure of the town hall, but would cover such things as documenting a history in video or book form. The consensus of those present was at this time we are not prepared to approach applying for the grants.

In share time, Karen shared information from Phyllis's emails. Phyllis received the CD from the T.J. Morgan descendent who lives in California. It includes a picture of an early Morgan home. Phyllis is continuing to do research on the early settlers of the area, is planning to write an article with the possibility of making a small booklet.

Motion by Helen, second by Mary Jayne to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

## Feb. 3, 2005 OFTHS Meeting cancelled

Hi Everyone,

The Feb. 3, 2005 OFTHS Meeting is cancelled. The agenda items are mostly follow-up reports that can be done via email. They are listed below. Please note the requests listed to individuals to send Gene & Karen their reports via email. Your reports need only be a very brief summary of item(s) you think are noteworthy. The reports you send us will be transcribed by Karen into MSWord documents for each topic indicated and will include each person's verbatim report along with their name. When completed Karen will email them to everyone. As we proceed in the months ahead to preserve the old town hall the group will be able to refer to these reports if needed.

- Tour of old Franklin Town Hall with Kim Tschudy held Sun., Jan. 9, 2005 -- Request reports from: Jim, Mary Jayne, Sandy, Dean & Marian, Gene & Karen
- Tour of old New Glarus Town Hall and Railroad Depot with Kim Tschudy held Sat., Jan. 29, 2005 -- Request reports from: Jim, Richard & Mary Francis, Pat, Dean & Marian
- Friends of Kraemer Library Meeting held Thurs., Jan. 27, 2005 -- Request report from: Sandy
- Spring Green Historical Society Meeting & Presentation by Jon McKenna held Jan. 13, 2005 was attended by Jim, Gene & Karen and video taped by Gene. Copies of video were made for each local history group (Spring Green, Lone Rock, Arena, Franklin). We will try to follow-up with sending a copy of the video with a brief letter from the OFTHS to each history group.
- *Home News* OFTHS article written by Gene & included in the Jan. 19, 2005 issue -- please send us feedback on that article, ideas for future articles, and if you would volunteer to do an article.
- Papers from Tom McKay -- Gene was told when calling in to the State that Mary Jayne and her address are already in their records as having the OFTHS's EIN Number and/or the Tax Exempt Number. Gene and Mary Jayne will arrange to get together to clarify what paper work she completed when getting the checking account and what other papers in Tom McKay's packet still need to be completed.

We would appreciate receiving your follow-up reports by Feb. 6th.

As was noted in an email Phyllis sent to the group shortly after our December meeting, most of the March 3, 2005 OFTHS Meeting will be looking at Pat Pulvermacher's scrapbooks on the Plain area people and Pat talking about them and how she got them, etc. This will be a fun and interesting meeting. We're looking forward to that meeting and eagerly hoping to see Phyllis and Wayne.

Thanks,  
Gene & Karen

NOTES FROM MEETING MARCH 3, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gene Beth called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. He then returned the gavel to President Phyllis Dearborn, who had returned from a two month absence. Present: Gene and Karen Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Wayne and Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Alma Liegel, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Richard and Mary Frances Nachreiner, Pat Pulvermacher, Edward and Mary Prem, Sandy Stiemke, Lucille Wankerl, Ken Weitzel

Gene presented reports that had been emailed to members in lieu of the February meeting, which was cancelled. They included The Report of the Tour of the Old Franklin Hall with Kim Tschudy on January 9, 2005, the presentation by John McKenna, "The Vision of Spring Green" on January 13, 2005, which was videotaped by Gene Beth, and the Treasurer's report by Mary Jane Diehl Liegel. Motion by Marian, second by Richard to accept the minutes of the January 6 meeting, which had been emailed to members, and the reports in lieu of the February meeting.

Mary Jayne reported that the checkbook balance is \$3356.31, and gave everyone a handout showing the deposits and balance since the February report, and another on names and addresses of persons who have joined the society as individual, family, sponsors or have given donations. Motion by Gene, second by Wayne to accept the treasurer's report.

Phyllis thanked everyone for keeping her informed while she was away. Gene stated that Tom McKay had sent a packet of material regarding the formal attachment to the State Historical Society. This included (1) Application for exempt status (2) Tax assessment statement (3) By-laws (4) Articles of incorporation. Discussion on keeping all correspondence with them under one address resulted in the decision to keep all correspondence with the State Historical Society under Phyllis's name and address.

Gene reported that he had videotaped the presentation by John McKenna at Spring Green, "Vision of Spring Green", and had made copies for the Arena, Spring Green, and Lone Rock societies, and distributed them, and had made three copies for our group. Karen has prepared a set of handouts to go with the tapes for our group.

The agenda for the next meeting will be (1) planning of a garage sale on the first Saturday in May in conjunction with Plain's citywide sale. (2) fund raiser in the form of a "genealogy lock-in" based on the successful one in Iowa that Phyllis is familiar with. Phyllis will set up the planning. (3) first settlers booklet, featuring the first three settlers families, Wells, Slauter and Morgan, and plan a trip to Pleasant Hill cemetery where many of them are buried.

In old business, Karen gave a synopsis of report on the meeting with Kim Tschudy on January 9, and Richard Nachreiner gave a report on the group's trip to New Glarus to view the town hall work in progress there.

Sandy reported on "Old Building Project" completed by the Troy township homemaker's, which is at the Sauk County Historical Museum, and suggested that our group conduct a similar project. She also reported that Peter Shrake of the Sauk County Historical Museum gave her a copy of the agreement signed by the Westpoint Township and the Westpoint Historical Society of

Columbia County. He suggested that the new historical groups would benefit from a get together to exchange info.

Sandy will contact Mary Stieve about setting up a date in April to learn to accession items donated to our group.

Phyllis will try to get a copy of "The Passion of Sr. Rose", a documentary recently nominated for an Academy Award. It is about the life of Sr. Rose Thering, originally from Plain.

Karen reported that she had received information in the mail on workshops sponsored by the State Historical Society, "Photographic Identification and Digital Projects" on April 19, and "Digitizing Collections" on May 6.

Pat Pulvermacher talked about her scrapbooks that she had brought for viewing after the meeting. She started collecting info in 1977. Motion to adjourn by Marian, second by Karen.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

NOTES FROM MEETING APRIL 7, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the History Alcove of the Plain Library. Our location was changed due to a computer class being held in the Community Room. Present: Karen Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Wayne and Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Edward Prem, Pat Pulvermacher, Gene Setwyn and Sandy Stiemke.

Phyllis introduced Gene Setwyn who recently wrote The History of the Loganville Post Office 150 Years Continuous Service to Loganville The United States Postal Service 53943. After our meeting, Gene gave a presentation on postal history.

Motion by Karen, second by Wayne to accept the minutes of the March 3 meeting which had been emailed to members. Mary Jayne presented handout of the Treasurer's report, stating that on March 3 \$150. was paid out for 501 tax exempt fee. She made a deposit of \$25. The current balance is \$3231.31. Motion by Marian, second by Ed Prem, to accept Treasurer's report.

Discussion on participation in the Genealogy Open House on May 21 which will be hosted by the PHGG group in the Community Room of the Library. Suggested items to be brought by our members include the photo album of Mary Blau Brickl Ruhland Brey, a Civil War letter from Mary Jayne's family line, a display on homes built in Plain by Ed Kraemer along with their blueprints. Phyllis has spoken with Vic Kraemer on source material for this, and Mary Jayne is going to call Schmid's. This is the weekend the German visitors will be in Plain. We will have membership brochures available. (Correction via email from Phyllis - Open House will be held on May 14, not 21.)

Regarding the door Mike Alexander has that will fit the front door of the Hall - Jim will talk to Mike about getting the door and connecting with Wayne and Phyllis who offered to refinish it. The door jams will also need replacing in order for the door to fit. Ed Prem said to go ahead and get a new lock for the door. Jim stated that this door was originally on an old building in Plain. In other discussion about improvements to the building, Jim suggested drain tile to be placed along the building about three feet deep. This will involve digging a trench, and will need to be done before next winter. Jim suggested that high school students be invited to participate in the project. Karen will make a poster with Jim providing her with information needed for it. Jim will see about distributing the posters to the schools.

Phyllis spoke about the booklet project - the first settlers and their families of Franklin township, the Wells, Slaughter, Morgan and Cramer's. She has collected research materials, and the next step will be to take pictures of all the stones in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery on County B west of Plain, where many of them are buried. She stated that many of the stones need repair, and perhaps this a project our group could undertake. Ed reported that the township maintains the cemetery. The Legion pays part of the mowing and the township pays part. About 30 or 40 years ago a woman donated \$1000. for upkeep of the cemetery, and the interest from that goes toward the mowing. Phyllis is going to look into finding out about stone repair. It was decided to wait for a group trip to the cemetery to do picture taking until later in the year after work has been done to the stones.

In old business, it was reported that the John McKenna presentation "The Vision of Spring Green," has been copied additionally from VHS to CD and DVD by Gene and Karen. Marian has made additional copies of the CD and DVD for the historical society.

In new business, Karen reported that "working copy" of the 1937 Plain video converted from 8 mmm to VHS by Bill Schuette, and owned by Sandy Stiemke, was taken to a professional and had been put into a DVD and CD format. It is hoped that in this format it will be possible to pause and make individual frames for the purpose of identification of the people in the film.

In other new business, Sandy reported that she and Karen Beth had purchased two Sauk County Pictorial Atlases from Lillian Veld of Fennimore, to be used as a resource by our historical society. The 1981 copy cost \$40. and the 1969 copy cost \$80. Motion by Marian, second by Pat to reimburse Sandy and Karen for their purchase.

Jim suggested that our society become involved in getting grade school children interested in local history by doing presentations in their classrooms. Mary Jayne said that in the public schools, fourth grade is the year when there is a focus on history.

Pat Pulvermacher presented to the society the Golden Jubilee Booklet for Fr. Anthony Young.

Karen reported that Neil Brey has donated to the society three books, "The Hetzel Genealogy from Germany to America," "Obituaries and Tombstones of John and Elizabeth Hetzel and Children," and "Family History and Descendants of George Brey - Rhan, Bavaria, Germany." Karen has sent a thank you to him on behalf of the society.

Motion by Wayne, second by Marian to adjourn. The next meeting will be held at the "new" Franklin Town Hall on County B, on the east edge of Plain.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, secretary.

MEETING NOTES MAY 5, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Franklin Township Hall on County B. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Wayne Bindl, Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances and Richard Nachreiner, Ed Prem, Pat Pulvermacher, Gene Setwyn, Sandy Stiemke.

Phyllis welcomed Franklin Township Board members, Wayne Bindl and Ed Prem.

Corrections to the minutes of the April 7 meeting which had been emailed to members, were: (sent via email) "Mary Jayne was going to see if there were blueprints in the Schmid family line. If there are, Phyllis and Mary Jayne talked about getting them copied if the family would allow it. These blueprints may not be of homes. They may be from when Schmid was in business with a Bauer before Bauer's death. They have spoken to Vic Kraemer about blueprints, but he has not gotten back to them." Also, Karen Beth stated that at the last meeting Gene Setwyn had donated two items to the historical society. They were "Loganville Post Office History", and *Badger Postal History*, Volume 44, Number 1 August 2004 (published quarterly by the Wisconsin Postal History Society) containing "The Inception of R.F.D. in Reedsburg Wisconsin 53959 and Neighboring Communities" written by Gene Setwyn, President, Branch 47, WIRLCA. Motion by Karen, second by Marian to accept minutes and corrections.

Mary Jayne presented a handout of the Treasurer's report. The check has cleared for the 501 tax exempt fee. The current balance is \$3161.31. Motion by Marian, second by Gene Beth to accept the treasurer's report.

In old business, Phyllis stated that once we have Federal approval of the 501C3, we will have to go through the same process with the State.

Phyllis will order 100 acid free envelopes for photo storage from a catalog.

Discussion on the response to the flyer "Can you Help?" prepared by Karen and Jim, and distributed in the schools resulted the decision to place flyers again when there is a definite project and definite dates in mind. The suggestion was made to contact confirmation classes and place an ad in the community calendar.

In new business, it was decided that elections will be held at the regular meeting the first Thursday in July. Also, we will make plans for our open house during the Plain 3 day celebration at our June meeting.

Discussion on the needs assessment that had been prepared by Phyllis and emailed to the group prior to the meeting, focused primarily on the security issue. The books containing the minutes of the town board need to be in a locked cabinet. Dean will look into options for safe keeping and fireproofing of records.



Phyllis reported that she has finished working on the door that will replace the front door. We have been told this door is from the old village hall building. Jim will look into locating authentic hardware for it, including a deadbolt. One source is Habitat Restore in Madison.

Wayne Bindl will talk to the village about getting their items out of the basement.

Richard Nachreiner will write an article for the newspapers asking for pictures taken of the Franklin Hall as it looked when first built, and also ask for the missing minutes of the meetings from years past.

Jim Geishirt will do an artist's concept of the proposed basement improvements.

Wayne Bindl said he would put a presentation by the OFTHS on the May 18 agenda of the Franklin Town Board meeting. Phyllis(? **Just Jim & Mary Jayne**), Jim and Mary Jayne will attend. Jim will make a proposal list to take to the board. Wayne Bindl said he and Ed Prem would contact their lawyer about an official agreement between the Franklin Town Board and the Historical Society.

Since the last meeting, Karen Beth prepared forms to be used for donations and accessioning by OFTHS, namely: Gift Agreement, Loan from OFTHS Agreement, Loan to OFTHS Agreement, Photographic & Electronic Media Copying Agreement, Library Accession Sheet, and Accessioning Spreadsheet. These were briefly looked over. A correction to Photographic & Electronic Media Copying Agreement was noted - that paragraph three should read OFTHS, instead of Sauk County Historical Society, Baraboo, WI. Phyllis also stated that we need to get a computer and scanner set up to do photos.

Pat Pulvermacher read a letter she received from the Ast Choir Committee advising that the German Visitors are not coming here for genealogical reasons. The planned activities in the Plain Park are for the visitors and their host families. Those interested can meet them at the reception to be held between the school and St. Luke's Church after the 10:00 am Mass.

Plans for the open house during the Plain three day celebration July 29-31: 1) Sunday only after parade 2) serve popcorn and lemonade 3) Phyllis will bring laptop and scanner 4) Florence Nachreiner (Rudy) Bladl photos will be exhibited 5) Signs Karen has from last year will be used.

Motion by Gene Beth, second by Marian to adjourn. June meeting will be Thursday June 2 at the Old Franklin Town Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

MEETING NOTES JUNE 2, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Kraemer Library Community Room. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Tim Cooper, Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Marj. Prem, Pat Pulvermacher, Gene Setwyn, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion by Mary Frances Nachreiner, second by Phyllis to accept the minutes of the May 5 meeting as emailed to members.

Mary Jayne presented a handout of the Treasurer's Report. Current balance is \$4107.88. A payment of \$68.43 was made to Gaylord Company for the acid free envelopes Phyllis ordered. Motion by Marian, second by Dean to accept Treasurer's report. Motion by Marian, second by Dean, to reimburse Wayne Dearborn for the new glass he purchased for the door that will go on the Township Hall, in the amount of \$24.44.

Phyllis reported that she and Ed Prem were present to give the Sauk County Arts, Humanities, and Historic Preservation Committee a tour of the inside of the Old Town Hall on May 18. Kathy Schauf mentioned to them that our group could apply for a grant from them next year. It would need to be for a special project, and not for bricks and mortar restoration. All are to think about suitable projects.

Approval of the Accessioning Forms that Karen had emailed to everyone last month was tabled, and it was decided that a Committee would work on this project. Committee members are Mary Jayne, Sandy, Phyllis, Karen and Marian.

In new business, Jim and Mary Jayne reported on their presentation of our plan at the Township Board meeting on May 18. Jim had previously emailed to all members the "Old Town of Franklin Historical Society's Proposal for the Old Town Hall." Jim said that the Township will take care of the first four items on the proposal: Replacement of the front door, Placement of drain tile along north wall, Mortar the crack in the inside foundation wall, and Replacement and securing of the foundation windows. The Township approved of the rest of the items proposed. In the development of the downstairs: 1) updating the electrical 2) plumbing in basement bathroom and sink 3) heating system 4) handicap platform downstairs at rear door 5) flooring and walling off of the foundation. Also leaving the upstairs much as it is now, to be used as a museum with displays and artifacts; eventually restoring the siding; and consider a type of lease to the historical society. Township Board members will talk to their lawyer about the lease. Randy Liegel will go to the next Plain village board meeting and tell them they need to remove their items from the basement. Jim and Mary Jayne felt that the meeting with the town board was very positive.

Phyllis reported that approval has been received for 501C3 tax-exempt status. Forms have been sent in to Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue to apply for exemption of sales tax on any purchases we make. The "gift form letter" for monetary donations Phyllis had emailed everyone, was reviewed. It is to be sent out by the treasurer, Mary Jayne, as needed. Motion by Karen, second by Marian to accept the "gift form letter". The copy of the letter received from the Federal Government had been emailed to all. Phyllis made additional copies of the other 5 pages mailed to her for the board members, and brought them to the meeting.

The replacement door for the Town Hall is not yet ready to hang. Jim will take measurements and look for replacement hardware. Millvanders in Madison is a possibility. Phyllis will check out the upcoming "garage sale" in the basement of the Fair Valley School for hardware.

It was determined that the next step in the remodeling of the basement would be to determine what is needed for plumbing, electrical, and heating. Jim and Tim Cooper will serve as the committee. Local businesses will be contacted to look at these utilities and give us a report on their status. From there we will proceed with a conceptual drawing.

Dean was thanked for looking into safes and cabinets for the old township books; for getting two free lockable storage file cabinets from Seats, Inc. of Reedsburg and transporting them to the Township Hall. Tim is working on a display case.

Because this is the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the formation of the Township, it was decided to have a float in the parade in the 3 day celebration. The timeline prepared for last year's open house will be used to determine which major events should be depicted. Mary Jayne will see about getting a horse and wagon to use for the float. "Help Us Preserve Old Franklin" was suggested as the theme.

Dean will again take care of getting the popcorn machine and materials needed for the popcorn giveaway. It was decided to again have lemonade. We have enough napkins left from last year. Mary Jayne will see about cups.

Karen reported that she was able to find someone with Cinimax to record "Sr. Rose's Passion" on a VHS tape. She will have someone make copies from the VHS to a CD format.

Marian reported that Dorie Danelski had given her a condensed version of the "Voelkel Family Genealogy" on CD, which came out in August 2004, and presented it to the Historical Society.

Marian reported that she had gotten permission to take home the photo collection of the Kraemer Library and copy them. She has put them on CD, and also printed out the pictures for the Society and placed them in a binder.

Gene Setwyn showed us a photocopy of a rare handwritten post office cancellation of Harrisburg that he purchased on Ebay. It will be given to the "Harrisburger".

Phyllis reported that she has been in contact with Cal Cramer, a descendent of the "Cramer's Corner" settlers. He has loaned her pictures to copy including the original Sol Cramer homestead.

Motion by Marian, second by Dean to adjourn. Next meeting will be June 16 at the Kraemer library. A meeting of the Accessioning Committee will be on June 23.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, Secretary.

MEETING NOTES JUNE 16, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Kraemer Library Community Room. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Phyllis and Wayne Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Ed Prem, Gene and Sharol Setwyn, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion by Gene Beth, second by Marian, to accept the minutes of the June 2 meeting, as emailed to members.

Mary Jayne presented a handout of the Treasurer's Report. Current balance is \$4108.44. Motion by Karen, second by Wayne, to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Phyllis announced that the Harrisburger's Fundraiser Pork/chicken barbecue is this coming Sunday June 19 at noon.

In old business, Phyllis reported that she had received a note from Kathy Schauf of the Sauk County Arts, Humanities, and Historic Preservation Committee with the information on the requirements to get a plaque for the old Franklin Town Hall. Ed Prem said that the Plain village clerk should have in their records the necessary information. Phyllis will contact the village clerk.

In new business, we received an update from Jim on the progress with installation of the replacement door for the town hall. Jim stated that Mike Alexander has ordered a sham. Jim brought a paint stick with suggested colors for the door. The light brown sample was chosen by the group. Jim and Tim Cooper will talk regarding the door hardware. Jim said he has contacted Pat Nachreiner Plumbing and Heating, and Pat will meet Jim at the hall on Saturday a.m., June 18. Jim is also going to contact Jan Kraemer Electric, and Berry Electric to schedule a look at the hall.

In plans for the float for the 3-day Celebration Parade July 31, several suggestions for the float were made, including 1) Joe Prem's son representing Joseph Bandel, Civil War soldier from Franklin Township, with a poster explaining who Joe Bandel was 2) a school desk and schoolmarm, possibly wearing a 1976 dress that Mary Jayne had from the bicentennial, also possibly getting a blackboard from Rudy Feiner that is in the old school on County B. 3) a postal representative. 4) Mary Frances Nachreiner with a rocker and spinning wheel 5) Mary Jayne said she has not been able to connect with Ederer's about use of their horse to pull an old hay wagon. 6) for a banner, Marian said that she will contact Bill Schuette who had told her about free banners that can be gotten from C & H Distributing. 7) Dean said that he has been looking at bunting and bows, with 4" wide \$6.94 and 3" wide \$4.97. It was decided to get only the bare necessities at this time, and see what may be on sale after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Dean will do the shopping. 8) Phyllis will check with her brother Bill to see if he has an old wagon we could use for the float, and everyone is to look around as well.

Mary Jayne asked if we would be interested in white sheets that the nuns are giving away. All agreed that we could find uses for them. Mary Jayne will also contact Randy Liegel to find out what the village told him regarding cleaning out the town hall basement.

Regarding displays inside the Town Hall for the July 31 open house, it was decided any of the displays from last year would still be interesting to people. There are boxes of pictures that have been donated that we will put under glass. A sign will be put up near the photos, "Please request info on how to obtain copies." Tim Cooper has a new scanner that he will donate to the society, and Sandy Stiemke purchased a used VHS player for use by the society. It was suggested that the VHS copy of "Sr. Rose's Passion," could be played during the day.

Phyllis will have the milk can and ladle again for lemonade.

Phyllis will write a newspaper article about the event and have it placed in the newspaper a couple of weeks ahead. She will call Bob Bauer to see if it is still possible for our event to be placed on the posters that are put out advertising the 3-day.

After adjournment we will have share time. Phyllis brought five scrapbooks loaned to us from Rudy and Ilene Feiner. They were compiled by Ilene's mother, Lucy Hutter Ruhland, who has Cooper in her ancestry. We can copy if we wish.

Motion by Wayne, second by Gene Beth to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, Secretary.

MEETING NOTES JULY 7, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Kraemer Library Community Room. Present: Dean and Marian Burmester, Tim Cooper, Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Sue Meise, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion by Tim, second by Marian, to accept minutes of June 16 meeting, as emailed to members.

Mary Jayne reported that there have been no treasury transactions. The balance remains at \$4108.44. We have 35 members. Motion by Marian, second by Dean, to accept Treasurer's report.

According to our by-laws, election of officers is to be held at the July meeting. Offices up for election are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and the board member who had served for one-year term, Jim Geishirt. Motion by Marian, second by Tim, to re-elect the people holding these offices, with the exception of vice-president, as Gene Beth declined to run for another term. Motion carried.

The floor opened for nominations for vice-president. Tim Cooper was nominated, but declined. Mary Frances Nachreiner and Pat Pulvermacher were nominated. With nine voters present, nonmember Sue Meise tallied the votes with Mary Frances five, Pat four. Mary Frances Nachreiner is the new vice-president.

In old business, Jim reported that Mike Alexander had gotten the door jam, and the door is presently at Mike's. Jim met with Jan Kraemer of Kraemer Electric at the Town Hall on Saturday morning to look at the present setup. He also talked with Pat Nachreiner (Plumbing and Heating). There is a natural gas line nearby. Our cost would be coming into the building. Radiant heat was suggested. The sewer line runs under the road. Pat will send in an estimate for heating and plumbing costs by next month. A supplemental unit to handle humidity may be necessary. An estimate from Schluter's for insulating the attic was approximately \$988. In the subject of handicapped access, it was noted that Peter Giese is the Building Inspector for the Village and Township. Door knobs will be ordered from Mike Alexander's catalog by Jim Geishirt.

Mary Jayne suggested that we look into applying for funds from the Kraemer Foundation. Headed by David Kraemer, funds are available for up to 90% of the costs of a project. A committee was formed to work on this project: Jim Geishirt, Tim Cooper, Mary Jayne, and Sue Meise. Phyllis also reminded us of the Sauk County grant that is available to fairly new societies for things like acid-free boxes. All are to bring ideas of short term, and long term goals, in turning the hall into a museum, to the August meeting for submission to the committee.

In new business, the "Gift Agreement" form, which had been emailed to members by Karen Beth, was discussed. One change had been suggested: If an item was donated in someone's honor, underneath the line it should be changed to read: (name of any person in whose honor this gift is given). Motion by Marion, second by Dean to accept the "Gift Agreement" form with the

change suggested. Karen will email all members this final version of the "Gift Agreement". That will enable everyone to print out and have the form available when accepting items for the historical society.

Phyllis had emailed everyone for review, the news article she had prepared, "150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Formation of Franklin Township," for the Home News. It was accepted with a couple of minor changes, and she will ask that it be placed in next week's Home News.

Mary Jayne reported that the village must have a formal motion on their meeting agenda regarding removal of the village items from the basement of the town hall. Mary Jayne and Phyllis will be present at their meeting next Wednesday night. Joe Prem has been in contact with the Sauk County Courthouse regarding ownership of the land on which the town hall sits. They phoned him, and will mail him the information - that Henrietta Wachter sold the land to the Township in 1896.

Mary Jayne reported that there will be two horses available to pull the float in the July 31 parade. Buzzy Bindl will loan us a hay wagon. Marian reported that we can get banners with no advertising for \$25.00 from C and H Distributing, or banners with advertising, at no cost. They need two weeks notice. They are 8' by 3'. The banner will read, "Help us preserve Franklin History." Another suggestion was "Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Town of Franklin," if we are able to get two. It was decided to get the banners with advertising, at no cost. Marian reported that they have purchased bunting and bows for decoration.

Phyllis and Mary Jayne will plan on cleaning the hall on Tuesday July 12. Mary Jayne will get a key, and plans are to work every Thursday night from 7-9 P.M. at the town hall to get things set up for the open house on July 31. Marian will print more brochures. At the open house, we will have a "greeter" there at all times, to count people coming through and get them to sign the guest book. Marian will check on a folding table for the greeter. Sandy will bring the VCR she purchased to donate to the historical society, and Marian will bring their small TV. Dean will take care of getting the popcorn popper and one case of popcorn ahead of time. He will be unable to be there the day of the open house to pop the corn. Gene and Karen Beth will help Marian with the popcorn duties. Gene Beth will take pictures.

Motion by Mary Frances, second by Jim to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, Secretary.

MEETING NOTES AUGUST 4, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Kraemer Library Community Room with an impressive giant-sized gavel, presented to her by Gene Beth. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Tim Cooper, Phyllis and Wayne Dearborn, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke, and guest Maggie Lomasney.

Motion by Marian, second by Tim, to accept minutes of July 7 meeting, as emailed to members.

Mary Jayne presented the Treasurer's Report with a handout containing transactions. The balance is \$4514.74. The new balance included the \$250. check from the Fire Department for first place float in the parade, and donations received from the Open House of \$96.30. Mary Jayne asked that all outstanding bills be turned in. Motion by Gene, second by Wayne, to accept Treasurer's Report.

Phyllis announced that she had received a letter from Kathy Schauf of the Arts, Humanities and Historic Preservation Committee, requesting information to be placed in a Cultural Resources Directory they are preparing. Phyllis replied to her with the information they requested: name and address of historical society and mission statement.

Phyllis announced that the Southwestern Regional Convention of WI Council for Local History will be August 27, 2005 at Reedsburg. All are encouraged to attend.

Phyllis announced that we now have a free mailbox at the Plain Post Office, with two keys being furnished. Both she and Mary Frances Nachreiner have keys for it. We were able to obtain a mailbox for free as there is no mailbox at the Old Franklin Town Hall. Our formal address is: 915 Wachter Avenue, P.O. Box 218, Plain, Wisconsin 53577.

In old business, the question of how to handle requests for pictures was brought up. Secretary will check back in minutes for decision on prices for members and nonmembers. A request by Pat Pulvermacher for a copy of the Plain Bicentennial Booklet from 1976 resulted in discussion on charges for a document. After discussion, motion by Mary Frances, second by Gene, to charge 50 cents per page. This page cost would apply to both members and nonmembers. This decision was based, in part, on the fact that Civil War pension files from the government cost \$37. for a full file.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: September 2, 2004 Minutes - Discussion on charges for copying of photos and documents resulted in a motion by Wayne, seconded by Gene that \$5.00 plus postage and handling be charged for a copy of a photo for nonmembers, and the cost of \$2.50 for members of OFTHS. It was also decided that visitors to the museum may not bring digital cameras in to take pictures. Motion by Wayne, seconded by Gene that requests for photocopies BE 25 cents FOR EACH PAGE COPIED.

Mary Frances said that she had received an ok from the Bettinger family to copy all photos that had been loaned to us for our open house.



In new business, we evaluated our Open House and Float. Next year we should all wear name tags. Also we should have a sign in person and tour guides to facilitate movement around the displays. About 85 people signed in at the 2005 open house.

A list was made of Thank you notes to be sent. They included: Mike Alexander and Jim Geishirt for all the work done on preparation and installation of the front door, use of horses to John Ederer, hay wagon to Wayne Bindl (Mary Jayne has sent), flowers to Linda Paulus, C & H signs (Marian will send) Marvin Needham for procuring the hay loader, Clarence Taplan for use of the hay loader, and the Fire Department for the check for first prize (Mary Jayne will send). A thank you also needs to be sent to Dorie Danelski for the Voelkel genealogy book that she donated.

Phyllis reported that Dorothy Liegel Frank of Avoca, who is a family historian would like to share information with us. Also, a project we should work on would be obtaining pictures of all past town chairmen.

Discussion on the purchase of a laptop computer for photo work was discussed. Tim Cooper and Phyllis volunteered to be the committee. They will research this and email the group with info and we are to reply. Tim said that a Compaq laptop such as he has is about \$1000. Motion by Marian, second by Karen to authorize Tim to purchase a laptop computer and needed accessories, in the vicinity of \$1000.

At the present time Jim and Phyllis have keys to the new door of the Town Hall.

We viewed pictures of the parade taken by Gene Beth, on Tim Cooper's laptop.

Phyllis introduced Maggie Lomasney who brought the film that her husband Jerry had taken of the parade in Plain on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Franklin Township, in 1955. She will donate a copy of this to OFTHS, with the understanding that it is a MUSEUM PIECE. That is, it can be shown by OFTHS, but no copies may be made from it to be sold.

Further agenda items or list of things to consider when fixing up basement and main floor were tabled because Jim Geishirt was absent. He had furnished the group with a handout in his absence or Report Requirements, to be used in preparation for applying for funding, such as from the Kraemer Foundation.

Motion by Wayne, second by Karen to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

MEETING NOTES SEPTEMBER 1, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Kraemer Library Community Room. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Phyllis and Wayne Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Sue Meise, Ed and Mary Prem, Pat Pulvermacher, Gene Setwyn, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion by Marian & second by Ed Prem, to accept minutes as emailed to members.

Mary Jayne presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance is \$4397.44. Expenses were \$117.34. Phyllis presented a bill for \$131.13 for the encapsulation materials from Gaylord Company. Mary Jayne has not received a bill from Tim Cooper for the computer purchased for the society. The cost is \$1219.94.

Phyllis reported that Wayne Dearborn has donated an original New York Herald from the day after President Lincoln was assassinated. [It has been encapsulated & was displayed on one of the side tables for members to view.](#)

Phyllis reported on the Southwestern Regional Convention of WI Council for Local History held August 27 at Reedsburg. She said that Ellsworth Brown of WHS spoke briefly, and said that WHS escaped the 10% budget cut, so the Historical Museum will remain open. Also Tom McKay will retire October 2005.

It is important that each society document their own history. Phyllis asked for volunteers from our group to document our history. There were no volunteers. We need to be ready to make an application for the grant given to local societies for purchase of archival materials, that is given only every two years. Info will be coming on this after January 1, 2006. The 2005 Annual State Convention of WI Council for Local History will be in Rhinelander this year on October 7 and 8. Phyllis picked up a "Bright Ideas" Folder compiled by Local History Council, which contains ideas for fundraisers and membership drives. Any member of our group can take this folder home to read.

Phyllis attended the meeting re the School Fair to be held on October 7, at the River Valley District Office. Local history groups including Lone Rock, Arena, Spring Green, and Plain will prepare an exhibit of artifacts, and documents from the schools in the River Valley system that existed prior to the consolidation in the early 1960's. Jim Thering will prepare a large map showing all the little schools that were within the present boundaries of the River Valley System. Each group should gather what it can from their own area. Phyllis suggested that each of us try to gather info from our own parents and grandparents. Items that Phyllis will take will include school picture posters she made and exhibited at our Open House in July, the St. Luke's "Chimes", and the "Good Old Golden Rule Days." There is a security concern, so Phyllis will be taking our pieces of glass that cover photos in our Town Hall exhibits, and setup will be after 6 a.m. on that day, in the High School cafeteria. Phyllis will be going to the Sauk County Historical Society on Tuesday, September 6 to do school research. Sandy will be assisting Phyllis at the School Fair, as well as assisting the Lone Rock group.

Phyllis reported that the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has been notified of our new address for the society. A sheet with the society's tax-exempt number was passed around so everyone has the number in the event they are purchasing for the society. [Phyllis will scan & email the board members a copy.](#)

In old business, Phyllis said that we need to be looking into how we will handle membership renewals that are coming due on January 1, 2006. We need to mail out renewal forms at least 30 days prior to January 1. A post card format was suggested.

Phyllis stated that she received info on the Wisconsin Archives Mentoring Service ó this service is made up of volunteers who will come and assist new societies. There are usually two or three volunteers sent, and the only cost is reimbursement for their travel. Phyllis will email each of us more info on this.

Phyllis commented on the "Big Book Giveaway", sponsored by the State Historical Society. Sandy had emailed everyone with the info she had received. Each member of our group should try to nominate the school of choice, and deadline date is September 15.

[Marian](#) reported that thank you's had been sent to Dorie Danelski for the Voelkel Family Genealogy, C & H for the banners, and All Season's for the use of the popcorn machine. Phyllis said the thanks you's she and Mary Jayne had been responsible for, as listed in the August 4 minutes, have been sent.

In new business, Jim Geishirt reported that he has spoken to Jan Kraemer on the electrical bid, and Schluter's on insulation costs.

At this time the group worked on completing a list of things we want to include in our plan for restoring the town hall. They included:

Office area: three computer stations, number of outlets needed to accommodate them, a storage unit for wide material, a fireproof safe (rifle type), a storage place for office supplies, a magnifying light.

Bathroom facilities: sink with "goose-neck" type faucet, toilet, counter, and electrical outlets.

Heating: we are waiting for Pat Nachreiner input.

Research area: one computer in ballot area, high stools, bookshelves, CD storage, microfilm reader.

Exhibit area: electrical outlets, spotlights, a light wall display case, handicapped accessible, fire extinguishers. Also mentioned was the need for rockwall, sheetrock and mortar to cover cracks in the basement wall.

Phyllis reported on the computer purchase made by Tim Cooper. It is a Compaq laptop at a cost of \$979.99. He also purchased a case, portable mouse, and a flash drive. The total cost for computer, accessories, with warranty, came to \$1219.94. The harddrive is 55.8 gigabytes, with 512 megabytes of memory. There were two rebates \$30 and \$10 on the flash drive. Tim signed up for the Reward System at Best Buy. Tim also donated to the society an HP Scanjet 4600. Phyllis has installed the scanner software on the computer. Windows XP has been installed on

the computer, as well as a photo-editing program ó Adobe Photoshop. Tim has installed Norton Antivirus on the computer, as well. When using the computer you will have to log in with Frank as the user name, and OFTHS as the company name. Phyllis agreed to keep the laptop at her home at this time.

Motion by Jim, second by Sandy to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

MEETING NOTES OCTOBER 6, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Old Franklin Township building. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Pat Pulvermacher, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion by Gene Beth, second by Dean, to accept the emailed September minutes with emailed additions by Marian.

Mary Jayne reported that we have \$3019.43 in treasury, with no outstanding bills. Motion by Marian, second by Karen, to accept Treasurer's report.

Phyllis reported on preparations for the Exhibit of Consolidated Schools Memorabilia upcoming River Valley School Fair on October 7 to be held in the high school cafeteria from 9-12. The four historical groups in the area will be represented. OFTHS is still looking for anything related to the schools that existed in the area prior to consolidation; report cards, school histories, teacher contracts, pictures. Setup will be after 6:00 am. This exhibit helps satisfy the education part of our society's mission. Items Phyllis will be taking: old school books, slate and syrup pail from Sauk County Historical Society, St. Luke's Chimes Book prepared by Marian, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation photo from 1934 which was held at Baraboo, ledger from Fern Hill School, copies of teacher's contract for 1888 for Fern Hill, school census from 1909 and 1934, "Good Old Golden Rule Book" of Sauk County's Rural One-Room Schools. Other items for display are welcomed, and can be brought directly to RVHS on Friday morning. Sandy and Phyllis will be at the school to take care of the display.

Phyllis thanked Marian for the following donations: Digitized photos from the Kraemer Library (digitized with permission by Marian Burmester, compiled into a small booklet with 5 CD's), Whitman Jigsaw Puzzle "Meadows, Plain, Wis.", History of Sauk County, WI (purchased on Ebay). Also donated for research purposes only: St. Luke's Chimes 1931-1935-1940-1957 (digitized by Dean and Marian Burmester and compiled and indexed by Marian-booklet and CD), "Four Booklets of Richland County, Wisconsin History" (scanned in OCR and compiled into one booklet of booklet and CD), "History of Grove School, District #4, Sauk County, Wisconsin" by Vincent F. Scallon in 1986 (scanned in OCR and compiled by Marian with portion taken from "Good Old Gold Rule Days" of booklet and CD). These items also donated by the Burmesters for research purposes only: Copies of CD's purchased on Ebay of Atlas of Wisconsin, Early Maps of Wisconsin, Wisconsin IN Three Centuries.

Mary Frances presented donated items from Mrs. Lucille (Vince) Kraemer: A ledger from the Pleasant View School/Franklin and Troy Jt. 10 for the years 1931-1935, the time period when Hilda Bindl and Grayce Kraemer were the teachers, 1922 Sauk County Atlas; and from Sue Umhoefer Taggart: items that had belonged to Ed Kraemer of 1904 Map Book handmade by St. Luke's students, including Ed Kraemer, and Ed Kraemer's drafting tools.

In old business, Jim Geishirt reported that he is waiting for a bid from Pat Nachreiner. The bid for electric work from Jan Kraemer is \$3200. It was decided to set aside some time at the

November meeting to work on the presentation booklet for fundraising purposes. Gene Beth distributed sample copies of a presentation booklet for fundraising purposes prepared by the Mineral Point Historical Society, "A New Vision for an Old Landmark" Orchard Lawn, The Gundry House Restoration, Phase 2. This will give us an idea of other societies' fundraising materials.

Phyllis presented a suggestion in appreciation for John Ederer's contribution to our first-prize winning float in the Plain 3 day celebration this year - a gift of a photo of John and his horses pulling the float. It will be placed in a barnboard frame that Wayne will make. All in agreement that this was an excellent idea.

Phyllis passed around a letter from Wisconsin Council for Local History Betty Arey, from September 26, 2005. It announced that Highsmith Company of Ft. Atkinson has designated all affiliated historical societies of the WCFLC are eligible as a Buying Club and receive discounts of 10-15% on archival supplies. We will be receiving additional information and ID.

In new business, the subject of finalization of membership renewal was discussed. Marian had prepared a sample renewal form on cardstock. It was decided to purchase 50 postal cards for this purpose. Marian offered to get the post cards and print the renewal information onto the cards on her computer. Motion by Karen, second by Gene to reimburse Marian for post card purchase. Motion carried. A question on how to handle a renewal for members that join in the last few months of a year was settled by referring to our by-laws. Section II Classification and Dues c. "The membership year shall run from January 1 to December 31."

Phyllis announced that in share time we can see a collection of old photographs the Alois Hetzel family is loaning to us to copy the originals.

Motion by Mary Frances, second by Jim to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, Secretary

MEETING NOTES NOVEMBER 3, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Kraemer Library. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Dean and Marian Burmester, Phyllis Dearborn, Jim Geishirt, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Mary Frances Nachreiner, Pat Pulvermacher, Pat Scallon, Gene Setwyn, Sandy Stiemke.

Motion by Karen, second by Gene Beth, to accept the emailed October minutes.

Mary Jayne reported, along with a handout, that we have \$3040.47 in the treasury. The postmaster was paid \$12.50 for postcards to be used for membership renewal. At the last meeting Pat Pulvermacher donated a jar of uncounted coins, which increased our treasury by \$33.54. Motion by Marian, second by Gene Beth, to accept Treasurer's report.

Phyllis announced that she attended a follow-up meeting of the River Valley School Fair Exhibit. Mr. Benson stated that it was a huge success, and that it should be an ongoing part of the school fair. The theme for 2006 will be the same as 2005, featuring the schools that encompassed what became the River Valley School district. In 2007 the theme will change to school related themes, such as sports.

Phyllis announced that she and Wayne will again be gone for the months January, February, and part of March 2006. They will be available through email. Mary Frances will serve in Phyllis's absence.

The subject of how to handle thank you's for donations was discussed. Motion by Gene Beth, second by Mary Frances, that for the time being, whoever receives the donation be responsible for the thank you note. Sandy reported that she had sent a thank you to Ron Fruit for the CD of interviews from the School Fair. It was felt that Mike Alexander should be given a formal thank you note for the donation of the front door for the Franklin Township Hall.

The final version of the membership renewal cards prepared by Marian was presented. Motion by Sandy, second by Karen, to accept the membership renewal post cards as presented. These postal cards will be printed by Marian on her computer, and she will deliver them to Mary Jayne so they can be sent out by December 1. It should also be noted that Gene Setwyn generously donated postal cards for this use.

A review of previous decisions regarding the handling of requests for photos by members and nonmembers was requested. After discussion, it was decided to use a Photo and E-Media Copy Purchase/Receipt Agreement form with a change in the prices previously agreed on. Motion by Mary Frances, second by Phyllis, that photos for members will be as follows per request form: flat fee of \$2.50 for first photo; and \$1.00 for each additional photo, plus shipping and handling. Motion by Karen, second by Marian, that photos for nonmembers will be as follows: \$5.00 for the first photo, and \$2.50 for each additional photo, plus shipping and handling. The cost per document or text copy of 50 cents will remain unchanged. It was also decided that photo(s) will be put onto a CD. The person purchasing the photo CD can then have it printed in whatever

manner they choose. Marian will bring the Photo/E-Media form to the next meeting for approval after these changes are entered onto the form.

In new business, a draft of our Preservation Booklet to be used in fundraising for restoration of the Town Hall, was presented by Karen and Gene Beth. Discussion on inclusion of an appropriate brief biography of board members resulted in the suggestion that they be included where appropriate. Karen and Gene distributed copies of the draft for everyone to take home and work on and bring back to next meeting. We all need to work on assembling a list of sources that we can approach for funds. Bring suggestion to next meeting. Marian and Dean offered to go shopping to price items that we would be including in our wish lists and needs list in our presentation booklet. We should all bring to the next meeting a list of equipment and supplies needed for our functioning museum and office.

A decision was made to skip the January 2006 meeting, and meet in the Kraemer Library February through June, 2006. Mary Frances will have to fill out a request for use of the meeting room for these months, and give to librarian.

Phyllis introduced Pat Scallon, who recently moved to the Loreto/Marble Ridge area west of Plain. He has done extensive research on his ancestor Hugh Scallon who lived on the Bear Creek/Franklin township line near Loreto; and gave a very interesting talk about him. Pat also donated material on Hugh Scallon to the society. Pat will be a very welcome addition to the Old Franklin Historical Society.

Motion by Gene Beth, second by Marian, to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, Secretary



MEETING NOTES DECEMBER 1, 2005  
OLD FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Phyllis Dearborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room of the Kraemer Library. Present: Karen and Gene Beth, Marian and Dean Burmester, Tim Cooper, Phyllis Dearborn, Mary Jayne Diehl Liegel, Sandy Stiemke. Excused: Jim Geishirt.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved with the following change in information: Phyllis filled out the request to use the meeting room of the Kraemer Library for the meetings in the months of February through June 2006. Motion by Marian, second by Gene to approve the emailed minutes and change.

Mary Jayne reported, with a handout, that the treasury balance is \$3055.47. There was discussion on the question of including sponsors and those who have given monetary donations to the society in 2005 in the membership renewal forms to be sent out for 2006. Motion by Marian, second by Gene, to send membership renewal forms to all types of membership, including sponsors, and monetary donors. Motion carried.

In announcements, Phyllis reminded everyone there will be NO meeting in January, 2006. The next meeting will be February 2, 2006. Mary Frances will check our P.O. mailbox periodically for any Society-related mail.

Phyllis also recommended the reading of "The Children's Blizzard", by David Laskin. It is about the immigrants who settled the South Dakota-Nebraska border. Gives very much background, including why they left their mother country, the trip across the ocean, and sadly, how more than 100 school children perished in a blizzard on January 13, 1888.

In old business, the final version of the Photographic & E-Media Copy Purchase/Receipt Agreement prepared by Marian was approved, with the following changes: the cost of 50 cents per page for document or text copies applies to 8 1/2 x 11 size paper. A larger item would be at a higher cost. Also, the reverse of the form can be used for additional photo numbers. Motion by Gene, second by Dean, to approve the final version, with changes. Motion carried.

Tim Cooper reported that when he purchased the computer for the Historical Society, he got a "Best Buy Rewards Card" in the name of the Historical Society. This card is redeemable in August 2006 towards merchandise in the store. Any member of the historical society who makes a purchase at Best Buy and wishes to enter that amount on our card should use this card number - 226-9226.

In new business, we shared ideas, and recommended revisions to the draft copy of the Town Hall Preservation Booklet, including the revisions dropped off by Jim Geishirt, just prior to our meeting. Karen will redo the booklet per discussions.

Regarding the needed heating and cooling systems, it was decided that more than one contractor should be contacted, in order to get a variety of ideas. Phyllis will call Jim Geishirt who has been in charge of contacting contractors, to have him get in writing all bids, and to have them all returned by our February 2006 meeting.

The assembling of names of foundations/businesses/individuals we can approach for fundraising in order to restore the Town Hall was tabled until the next meeting.

A thank you is in order to Karen and Gene Beth who thoughtfully brought delicious treats for us to share as a way of celebrating the holidays.

Motion by Marion, second by Dean, to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Stiemke, Secretary